Philip Agee: Neo Fascism and the Far-Right In Europe

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Fascist movements are increasingly active throughout Europe and the former Soviet Union. Areas of the Balkans are "ethnically cleansed." Asians are attacked in Britain. Arabs are assaulted in France. Turks are murdered in Germany. While the targets of racism and hate have mostly changed, the rhetoric of vituperation is basically the same. What is startling and not well known is that U.S. policies in postwar Europe assured the survival of Nazism in Germany and fascism in general throughout the continent. The United States found it expedient, because of Cold War politics, to recruit, employ and protect war criminals.

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alternative radio presents Philip Agee on the re-emergence of fascism in Europe and its links to post-war US policy I'm David bar saw me on fascist movements are increasingly active throughout Europe and the former Soviet Union areas of the Balkans are ethnically cleansed Asians are attacked in Britain Arabs are assaulted in France Turks are murdered in Germany while the targets of racism and hate have mostly changed the rhetoric of the two / Asian is basically the same it goes something like this evil and sinister groups are despoiling our pristine and blessed land they are polluting our culture defiling our women and taking our jobs these formulations are usually buttress by concepts of racial purity cloaked in pseudo scientific jargon what is startling and generally not known is that US policies in post-war Europe assure the survival of Nazism in Germany and fascism in general throughout the continent the United States found it expedient because of Cold War politics to recruit employ and protect war criminals Philip Agee has lived all over Europe and now lives in Hamburg he has carefully studied the revival of fascism he was a former officer in the Central Intelligence Agency he served in Ecuador Uruguay and Mexico since resigning from the CIA he has lectured and written widely on the agency's covert operations his landmark book inside the company CIA diary has

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book inside the company CIA diary has been translated into 28 languages he spoke in Portland Oregon on March 10 1994 and now Philip Agee now as far as the the Nazi movement is concerned these days in Europe it is really a very serious problem in Germany since the Berlin Wall came down these neo-nazis have been using the problems related to the reunification of Germany to blame the traditional parties that is the Social Democrats the Christian Democrats and the Liberals their main scapegoats have been foreigners whereas Jews had been in Communist had been the scapegoats for the earlier period of fascism in Germany now they are foreigners although there is a very strong anti-semitic belief and strain and actions to the current movement in addition which falls into the category of foreigners they are carrying out all sorts of actions against asylum seekers you know when the Germans wrote their constitution after World War 2 the

Constitution that was adopted in 1949 when the Federal Republic was established they wrote into it that anyone oppressed politically in the world could have political asylum in the Federal Republic of Germany the reason was a show of appreciation for all of those countries that had accepted Germans and given them political asylum during the Hitler period and they were going to respond well one of the main demands of the extreme right in Germany during recent years has been an end to this asylum provision in the Constitution I mean it got really out of

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Constitution I mean it got really out of hand more than 500,000 for example in 1992 alone and so they were attacking the hostile hostels where they housed these asylum seekers and they were coming from all sorts of different countries they came from Africa they came from southern Europe principally from the former Yugoslavia from Romania and so forth the principal tool that these neo-nazis use our baseball bats and steel pipes to attack people in the street and it's just not it's not only the darker-skinned people such as africans or Turks or Iranians but all sorts of others for example there was a case in Berlin where a man from Britain was walking down the street in Berlin with his girlfriend a German woman and they were speaking English and just for that these band of neo-nazi thugs attacked him with baseball bats and put him in the hospital in critical condition they are also publishing hit lists over there now as of December this publication came out it's called their ein blick which means insightly and it has the innocent license-plate numbers of their cars and calls for punishment of these people it is what they call an anti anti foul movement because in Germany there is a well-developed anti-fascist movement called the anti 5 Poveglia or movement and this is the response of the neo-nazis to that anti-fascist movement they call it the anti anti-fascist movement and this was actually published in Denmark because it's against the law to do it in Germany to publish these hate at least this hate literature and they did it therefore in

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literature and they did it therefore in Denmark and it was then mailed to all sorts of addresses in in the Federal Republic of Germany and was on sale in the extreme right bookstores their attacks against foreigners in Germany were up 70% in 1992 over 1991 and in the first six months of last year they were up 130 percent over the first six months of 1992 then in the summer came a landmark procedure in the Bundestag that's the federal parliament we're in the parties agreed that the Constitution would in effect be changed and that they would curtail the right to asylum of people in Germany this was one of the principle demands of the neo-nazi movement and the traditional parties caved in and passed a new law in July or which was effective in July passed in Maine curtailing almost completely the right of foreigners to get political asylum in Germany last June alone there were 76 fire bombings and 79 people were wounded that is one of the one of their favorite practices fire bombing the residences of foreigners late at night when people are asleep and that is precisely what happened to the three Turkish woman women in moon just outside Hamburg there is a government agency which is in charge of monitoring the extreme right and the extreme left in Germany it's called the professorships or office furthest in English it would be federal office for the protection of the Constitution and this agency reported that or reported last August that almost 40,000 43,000 people are

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that almost 40,000 43,000 people are active in 82 different organizations of the extreme right and we're talking now of the violent right 43,000 people active in 82 different organizations there are also a large number of people active in legal political parties which field candidates the two principal principal parties are the Deutsche folks onion or German people's Union and the Republic honor Potter or Republican Party each of these has about 25,000 members they calculate so if you take these two political parties and add to that the 43,000 in the violent groups then you're getting up to close to 100,000 people in Germany who are active actively engaged in the extreme right or neo-nazi movement in that country they all these different organizations have been operating in recent years independent and dependent lis of each other but the signs

are that they are beginning to coordinate their activities in a way which they had never done before forging alliances and United Front in actions they have a pretty fertile soil you know in which to work a survey in 1989 showed that 79% of Germans feel that there are too many foreigners in the country two other studies showed that 20% of the population still have anti-jewish feelings and another 30% have are latent ly anti-semitic still another opinion poll showed that 20% hated in a in a racial sense Asians and Africans and some 69 percent believed that asylum seekers abused the social welfare system in the country in elections in my extreme right in Europe generally and the European Parliament Parliament you know is the legislative body of the

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know is the legislative body of the European Union or formally the European community these neo-fascist parties got something like around 11 million votes in the whole of Europe and I believe they elected close to 20 members of the European Parliament in Germany the right-wing parties the neo-nazi parties won 2.6 million votes so you can see it's nothing it's not a trivial matter when it comes to even their electoral activities their legal electoral activities as opposed to the the terrorism that they are carrying out against foreigners those campaigns of the far-right in Germany included slogans like Germany for the Germans Germany first then Europe and proud to be German among their campaign proposals was the expulsion of foreigners as a solution to the country's housing and jobs crises and change in the Constitution to eliminate the asylum procedure as I mentioned already something that they achieved last summer the largest of the parties the Republic on apartheid or rep as they're called got a little more than two million votes and won six seats in Strasbourg that is the in the European Parliament and they also have members on the City Council's in Berlin düsseldorf cologne Stuttgart and other cities so far they haven't got any members in the Bundestag but there are new elections for the national parliament in West Germany or in Germany coming up in November and there's very good chance that they will finally get some membership in the parliament all they have to do is get five percent of the votes and they get representation under the proportional system in Germany their leader is France sure in Hobart who was a volunteer in the waffen-ss of

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who was a volunteer in the waffen-ss of Hitler's and that of course was the instrument used to exterminate the Jews what do these people believe well here are some starters first they are part of the growing international movement to deny or to minimalize the Holocaust for those who are unaware there has been for some time and campaign it's been in this country and it has been in Europe as well to either deny or to minimalize the Nazi Holocaust that is the extermination of the Jews and their various publications which have come out denying the Holocaust both written by American authors and by Europeans these neo-nazis also believed that trade unions should be controlled by the state and they believe young women should be trained trained in the role of wife and mother they believe the state should be empowered to censor publications and that social security and political rights should be denied to foreigners people who are hiv-positive should have their genitals tattooed and finally they want to make an abandoned nuclear power site in Germany into a special labor camp for their political opponents eventually they seem especially strong among police forces as a matter of fact with studies showing that more than 50% of police officers in Bavaria support the rep the Republican Party and some 60% of police officers in the state of Hesse that is where Frankfurt is the capital also support the Republican Party anybody who studied Hitler's Third Reich will find similarities a lot of similarities between the Nazi program of a Hitler time and what the Republican Party is proposing today and keep in

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Party is proposing today and keep in mind that the German government agencies the security agencies only consider this Republican Party and the other one the German people's Union to be right radical and not right extremist extremists like these violent groups who would carry such names as the German liberal Labor Party the nationalist front the German alternative the National List the German women's front another one

called anti Zionist action and anti-communist action to name just a few of these groups it is something that is happening all over Europe in Sweden in Denmark in Norway in France especially where the National Front has been very successful in Italy in the December elections the msi italian social movement which was founded in 1946 as a continuation of the mussolini fascist period nearly won the mayor's offices in Rome and in Naples they were defeated about 54% to 46% in both cities by coalition's forged by the former communist party of Italy in the northern part of the country the Communists led coalition's also narrowly defeated the Northern League candidates in the Northern League is a neo-fascist group or party located mostly in the northern part the industrial cities of Milan and taurine and others and the the victories came also in coalition's organized by the Communists in Trieste and in C tureen and one or two other major cities in the north but it shows that the largest

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north but it shows that the largest single party in the center and the south of Italy what with the collapse of the Christian Democrats because of this ongoing scandal which has changed the political scene entirely in Italy the largest party in the center and the south of Italy is the neo-fascist party the MSI or Italian social movement in the north the largest single party is this Northern League also a neo fascist party in June there will be new elections to the European Parliament and we will see how many votes they get this time some of the predictions that are that they will improve on the vote that they got in 1989 Europe wide and will perhaps get 14 to 15 million votes electing something like 25 to 35 members of the European Parliament while going back to Germany the leader of Germany's Jewish community a man named Ignatz goobies announced last September that any Semitic outrages in Germany such as the vandalism against cemeteries and so forth by the way there are still about 30,000 Jews in Germany he announced that these outrages during the first six months of 1993 were equal to all those that had committed been committed against Jews in the five-year period of 1926 to 1931 when the Nazis were already on their way to power well I mentioned that the government calculates that there are 82 neo-nazi groups act in Germany and in the past two years five of them have been banned and sixth the banning of a sixth but a minute that these groups are banned they regroup and they pop up as a new party or they join another one which has not been banned

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another one which has not been banned so the banning of the parties is totally ineffective in terms of controlling these organizations as I mentioned this neo fascist movement is not peculiar to Germany it is also very important in these other countries that I mentioned and I didn't mention Britain but it is also very important there everywhere it has the same ingredients xenophobia anti-semitism racism a desire for strong government and limitations on civil rights twice in recent years in 1985 1986 and 89 90 the European Parliament undertook special investigations of the neo fascist movement in Germany and I have the reports that they published and they make for very sobering reading of course the farm right movement is still very much in a minority in Europe although it is growing steadily and one should never forget that Hitler and the Nazi Party came to power through years of legal political work elections and the parliamentary system like Nazis of old today's fascists are definitely exploiting real problems like unemployment crime and housing shortages and they are also playing to traditional prejudices and fears of the future they admit openly that they cannot take power in the short run but they say they are patient time is on our side is what they say and we don't mind if it takes 15 to 20 years to take power as a matter of fact they have been very effective in moving in Germany the mainstream political debate far to the right through the violence that they have been engaged in for several years now I think they're not entirely wrong into of their possibilities for the long-haul

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of their possibilities for the long-haul the Christian Democrats for example in Germany have not had nominated as their first candidate for the President of Germany a largely ceremonial post but one with a lot of moral authority they had nominated the Justice Minister of the state of Saxony a man whose name was Stefan - he caused such a scandal that he was forced to pull out but he was the first candidate of the

Christian Democratic Party and they are the party in power in Germany right now the Chancellor Helmut Kohl is a Christian Democrat well in its September speech this man Heitmann said that despatch September he said there was and this is a quote from his speech too much foreign influence in Germany he also said that too much had been made of what he called the Nazi episode he went on to say that and this is another quote from his speech the organised death of millions of Jews and gas chambers was just a one-off incident very similar to other singular incidents throughout history there's no reason why Germany should worry about it until the end of time and this is the Christian Democratic candidate for president as I say he was forced to withdraw as a candidate because of this and various other things he said which were disparaging of women US policies in post-war Europe had assured the survival of Nazism in Germany and of fascism generally in Europe one of the ways that it did so in in Germany was not to carry out two of the pledges made during the war and these were the complete denazification of german society and also the punishment of war criminals I would mention a book for the students who are here today or for anybody as a matter of

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here today or for anybody as a matter of fact excellent excellent book on the failure of denazification it's written by Tom Bower a British print and television journalist Tom Bower Bo wer and it is called a pledge betrayed a pledge betrayed it is a an analysis and history of the failure of denazification it also has quite a bit about the failure to punish Nazi war criminals in the end you know there was the Nuremberg trials of about 12 of the leaders of the Nazi regime which began in the winter of 1945 and then there were what they called the substance subsequent proceedings in which certain other Nazis were tried but in actual fact the number of people tried and convicted was very very low there were tens of thousands of Nazi war criminals who should have been punished but by 1946-47 the cold war was already under way and these Nazi war criminals were fanatical anti-communists and they were just the perfect people for the United States to use against the Soviet Union and against the Soviet allies in Eastern Europe and so we're detoxification is concerned the United States simply gave up really they turned it all over to the Germans to affect because they didn't have the people they didn't really have the interest once the cold war against the Soviets got going and naturally the Germans were not going to to take it seriously as it turned out none of the important professions were denounced off' i'd and here i mean the legal for example illegal and the judiciary

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example illegal and the judiciary the legal profession and the judiciary i believe more than 90% of the people in this profession were in the hitler legal front and none of them were removed from their positions in the judiciary or from the legal system the same was true in education the people who had been strong Nazis during the Nazi period remained in the universities remained in the schools and so forth after the war was over the leaders of the u.s. space program for example the people who put the astronaut on the moon in 1969 were war criminals van der von Braun was one walter dornberger was another and arto Rudolf was still a third they had all been in senior positions at the missile Factory the v2 factory at Nordhausen it was a factory which was constructed between 1943 and 1945 inside a mountain in caves and they established a concentration camp known as Dora alongside this Factory and during those two years of construction slave labor by the way during those two years of construction between 20 and 30 thousand people perished there their life expectancy was less than 6 months in that work and these people who came over and were the senior figures in the us-based program were the principal figures in this operation at Nordhausen with us and Vatican help after the war and this is official US operations they established these red lines to help Nazi war criminals escape to the Middle East and to South America people like Klaus Barbie who had been the head of the Gestapo and SS and Leon and was responsible for the deportation of Jews and the execution of French Resistance

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and the execution of French Resistance figures he was a person who worked for the u.s. army intelligence after World War two for some years and then in 1951 with helping the CIA he got to Bolivia he was eventually remember in the 1980s extradited and convicted in France died in prison Adolphe Eichmann the man who actually ran the extermination program was another who got to Argentina through these red lines the Vatican was extremely important in this because you know the Croatian government during that period was a Nazi type government as a fascist government under the you Stassi and with the end of the war and the communist takeover Yugoslavia under Tito these lost a she had to leave and it was a strongly Catholic government besides being fascist and allies of Hitler they came to Italy some of those people and were principal figures some of the priests in the Vatican run ratlines for escape for these Nazi war criminals another that made it down to South America was Walter Ralph Foster ralph was the inventor of the mobil gas chamber these were trunks big vans which they used to cram Jews into and then they would pipe the exhaust into the truck so that by the time the truck got out to the mass grave everybody in it would be dead he's one of the people who got away that way and one more I'd mention is Josef Mengele the doctor who conducted the experiments at Auschwitz he also was a beneficiary of these red lines which were run by the United States and the Vatican well I would recommend that to

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Vatican well I would recommend that to anyone who is interested in this period the Bauer book is excellent the Christopher Simpson book bobak is also very interested interested the subtitle of it is America's recruitment of Nazis and its effects on the Cold War you know what had happened during the war is that the German army had advanced all the way to the Volga River and that is a huge expanse of territory they took over all of what is now known as Belarus it is also in the past been known as white Russia or as BL or OSHA that borders on Poland and also they took over the Ukraine took over large expanses expanses of Russia itself and more right to the gates of Moscow and Leningrad during the occupation of these eastern territories from 1941 on they exterminated huge numbers of Jews I think the figure is something like 2 million or so in all of those areas listening to Philip Agee on the re-emergence of fascism in Europe and it's links to post-war US policy this is alternative radio to order copies of this program just call us toll free at 1-800-455-1052

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all of these countries had had their exile organizations following the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 some of them had set up in Paris and others in other places and in the case of the Ukraine for example they had a military force which had been trained by the Germans and actually invaded the Ukraine with the German army these were the people who were organized to do the extermination of Jews in their home territories and there were national SS units formed by the Germans but staffed by the by the local people in these countries of Eastern Europe and areas of Eastern Europe where the Germans were carrying on the occupation these people were also in charge of repression of the of the resistance movement because in all of those countries naturally there was a resistance movement to the German occupation and they were harrassing the German resupply when the war was over or let's say after the Battle of Stalingrad which was the turning point of the war and it was the Russians really who won the war the Soviets who won the war not the d-day invasion at the very end but the resistance by the Soviets at Stalingrad which turned the tide and then the Germans were pushed back eventually as they were pushed back these indigenous SS forces and collaborationist forces that had worked with the German occupation retreated with the German army and eventually they winded up they wound up in refugee camps what were known then as displaced persons camps in the in what had been Germany and most of these camps really were in the Allied occupation zones in the West the British the French and the US occupation zones there was something like seven million people in these camps at war's end and naturally they were

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at war's end and naturally they were screened by the u.s. to try to find which were the war criminals there was an effort made at the beginning but the effort didn't last very long because soon the US Army and then the CIA after it was established in 1947 were screening these refugee camps for people who could be used in operations against their home countries and as they had been fascists and war criminals they were all too eager many of them to continue the war against the Soviet Union but now under us rather than German sponsorship and so from about 1948 on these people were spotted and recruited out of these refugee camps and they were taken for military training and for the formation of military units for paramilitary operations every single country of Eastern Europe was the target of these activities these people were trained they were dropped back in by parachute or they were infiltrated by from the sea in maritime operations or in one way or another Rhian filtrated to their countries of origin and there they carried out sabotage and all sorts of activities which were intended to [__] the economic recovery in Eastern Europe already the Marshall Plan you know was in effect by 1949 1948 and the United States wanted to create a huge contrast between what the economic situation was in Eastern Europe and what it was would become in the West with us support and one of the reasons one of the ways they did this was to carry out these sabotage operations in Eastern Europe they went on by the way from about 1948 to 56 some eight years and eventually after the Hungarian revolt was put down by the Soviets in 1956 there was a real value a

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Soviets in 1956 there was a real value a ssin within the Eisenhower administration and the operations were brought to a close these aggressive paramilitary operations and sabotage missions against the Eastern European countries but the propaganda already was starting up early on too and the principal vehicles for this propaganda targeted on the peoples of Eastern Europe were in the case of the Soviet Union Radio liberation from Bolshevism Bolshevism a title which was changed to radio liberation and eventually Radio Liberty this radio broadcast to the Soviet Union and all the different languages spoken in the Soviet Union the other radio was Radio Free Europe which broadcast to all the other countries of Eastern Europe and the various languages spoken in those countries they were both based in Munich and they were staffed by many war criminals which had been recruited for that purpose I hate to carry out propaganda targeted against their home countries the whole thing was funny financed by a front committee set up here in the United States which included Allen Dulles who became the director of the CIA Cardinal Spellman was involved he's the Cardinal of New York at the time and other prominent figures they were CIA operations from the very beginning Greece was the scene of some of the most important CIA operation US government operations after the war you know the principle resistance to the Nazi occupation in most of the places of Europe where it occurred was were the Communists and socialists in Greece that happened that the principle resistance force was the national liberation movement known as a M or L us and the National Liberation Army known as a m and they had Harris the Germans through

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and they had Harris the Germans through the entire occupation and when the Germans withdrew in 1944 as the war was turning against them these resistance forces took over the country but Stalin and Churchill had made a deal that Greece would return to British tutelage after the war and so the British invaded from Egypt in December 1944 and began a campaign to replace the liberation forces that had taken over the administration of the country the political repression got so bad that these forces went back into the hills and the Greek Civil War followed from about 1947 to 1949 the United States intervened massively in this Greek Civil War on the side of the extreme right and it ended in a United States victory during the German occupation they had done the same thing in Greece that they had done in Eastern Europe that is they had fought they had formed security forces for the fight against the resistance movement of Greeks these were called security battalions they were Greek fascists who were collaborating with the German occupation of Greece after the war the CIA established with the officers from these security battalions a new security service for Greece this security service then became the instrument for maintaining power in the hands of the extreme ride for many years to come it was called the KY P or keep the Greek initials for Central Intelligence Agency they gave it the same name in 1940 by 1967 when it looked as though flame forces might come to

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as though flame forces might come to power in Greece KY P organized a military coup in Greece and the man who came out on top as the leader of the military hunter it was a fascist dictatorship really for seven years there was George papadopolis a colonel who had been the principal liaison officer of this security service with the CIA offices in the US Embassy in Athens and so here was another example of this kind of covered intervention coming back in with a vengeance in this case against Greeks themselves because these the so called Colonels regime and grease from 67 to 74 became so repressive that it was expelled from the Council of Europe torture was institutionalized there and thousands of Greeks were forced into a political exile during that period Italy was another place where the same sort of thing happened the principal resistance forces to the Germans and the Italian fascist government of the time were the Communists and as the United States military forces advanced from south to north they were accompanied by officers of the OSS the predecessor organizations to the CIA and they these people in the OSS assured that the Mussolini fascist security services would be preserved intact they rescued these people they kept them in business they gave him a new name and they became Italy's post-war security and intelligence services these were the very forces which became involved in terrorism in Italy in the mid 1960s and continued on into 1980s they carried out innumerable attacks hundreds of people were killed and the attacks were made to appear to be coming from the left when in actual

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be coming from the left when in actual fact they were carried out by the Italian security services themselves the purpose was to foment what they called in a strategy of tension they fight in Italy all through this period from world war ii on was between the Christian Democrats supported by the United States and the Communist Party of Italy which had been the main resistance force to first the Italian fascist movement from the 1920s on and then the German occupation after the fascist government fell in 1944 or 43 I think it was in any case the CIA's first big covered intervention is in Italy you know it was established under the National Security Act of 1947 and it was for the first time in US history a civilian intelligence agency in time of peace there had never been one in US history until 1947 but since the Cold War was on it was determined that we would have to have a security service or a foreign intelligence service to collect information around the world process it analyzed it and put it in the hands of the people who needed it to make their decisions beginning with the President himself and the members of the National Security Council the Security Council having been a creation under the same law the National Security Act from the beginning the agency had another role besides intelligence collection and analysis and dissemination and that was covered action or covered operations at the very first meeting of the National Security Council in 1947 the decision was taken and Truman was in the chair by the way the decision was taken that the CIA would spend some ten million dollars intervening in the Italian elections which were coming up in April 1948 a lot of money at that time they were afraid that the Communists might win that election and that is the Communists and the Socialists in coalition a coalition

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the Socialists in coalition a coalition which was called the popular bloc they passed out the ten million dollars through front organizations in Italy through the Vatican and through italian-american organizations in this country and it was successful the Christian Democrats won the elections going away it was so successful in fact that the whole intervention continued for many years after that during the next 25 years the CIA passed out as much as 100 million dollars to the Christian Democrats to keep them in office and as you know they were in office and they have been in office ever since then they did eventually bring the Socialists in with them the Socialist Party eventually split with the Communists and they too formed governments in Italy in coalition with the Christian Democrats but about two years ago the scandal which has rocked Italy broke and both the Socialists and the Christian Democrats have collapsed as political parties and there will be elections this month in in Italy and we shall see perhaps the time has finally come for the former communists to form a new government they are favored and the chances are they may win enough votes to form a government

they are now called the party of the Democratic Left this is what the Italian security services all through these years and by the way when you speak of these services you have to speak of them or think of them as very closely allied with the CIA working hand-in-glove day in and day out these services were the ones which were trying to provoke a military coup from the mid 60s on into the 80s a fascist military coup is what they're trying to do as had occurred in Turkey for example in the early 1980s they were unsuccessful in that but they were successful in

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that but they were successful in creating the climate in which the Christian Democrats would retain power and of course with all the CIA money going from 1947 on into the Christian Democratic Party it naturally had a corrupting effect which led to the much greater corruption in terms of the kickbacks that have been revealed in the last two years so you have examples in Greece and in Italy of these covered operations and the survival of the fascist movements in those countries the MSI or the party I mentioned which is largest party in the central and southern areas of Italy right now this party was allowed to establish itself in 1946 by the United States administration that is the occupation forces in Italy and it was from the very beginning declared to be a continuation of the political movement which had led by been led by Mussolini in the 1972 elections to give you an example of one of those interventions the CIA budget was I think ten million dollars most of it went to the Christian Democrats but 800,000 dollars went to the neo fascist party the MSI for the elections that year 1972 to its credit the CIA was against that payment but Graham Martin the US ambassador insisted that it go and there was an argument and he won this came out with the investigation by the House of Representatives into the CIA in the 1970s and he insisted that that money be given and the quote from the document was for a note to show solidarity for the long pull those were his words show solidarity with the neo fascist movement in in Italy well one more example I will

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in in Italy well one more example I will give on the United States program after world war ii that kept Nazism alive in Germany and that is the case of Reinhard Galen Reinhard Galen had been Hitler's chief of intelligence on the Eastern Front that is the Soviet front he was the expert in the German army on the Soviet Union he was only 43 when the war ended and he was determined to continue the war against the Soviet Union and to get United States sponsorship since Hitler had been defeated and so in the last days of the war he Michael filmed all of his files and with his senior officers took them down to Bavaria to the Alps and there they buried in steel drums these microf this microfilm of hundreds of thousands of documents it was the largest collection of information on the Soviet Union existing anywhere in the world outside the Soviet Union itself he waited until the United States Army came through and then he presented himself and surrendered they took him for debriefing at a base which was eventually to become the CIA's major base in Germany it was the place where the Luftwaffe Luftwaffe the German air force had brought the American pilots to be interrogated of American and British and so forth the pilots when they were shot down and it was just just north of Frankfort at over over there they interrogated or they debriefed Gailen he told them about the microfilm buried in the drums and told them where to find them a detachment of army people went up and dug them up and they began to review them and they saw that this stuff was pure gold already there was

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stuff was pure gold already there was distrust between the United States and the Soviet Union and the Cold War was already beginning even in 1945 so they they brought Gailen over to the United States the Soviets were after him by the way as a war criminal because he had been in charge of the of the interrogations of Soviet prisoners of war in Germany you know there were about four about three to four million German sorry three to four million Soviet prisoners of war died in the prisoner of war camps and they died from disease they died from lack of food died from excessive interrogation techniques and so forth and Galen was the person whose organization was in charge of the debriefing and the interrogations of all them and so the Soviets wanted to was in u.s. hands and one of the reasons they brought him to the United States was

they're afraid the Soviets might get him he was kept here for a year they took him to Fort hunt outside Washington and there he started to write the history of German intelligence and made his proposal for continuing against the Soviets with the United States money the US Army agreed and he was brought back to Germany and set up in business again it was known then or his group was known then as the Galen org or Galen organization and this eventually was taken over by the CIA in 1948 or 49 I forgotten which year exactly once the agency was established and then in 1956 when Germany achieved its full independence the gamin organization became the bone is not written in dienst or federal intelligence service and that continues today as Germany's principal foreign intelligence service but Galen was a war criminal and he brought into his organization early on in the 1940s other

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organization early on in the 1940s other war criminals from the SS and the Gestapo and so forth even though he had signed a paper saying he would not do it but the United States knew it and just looked the other way and these people then became involved in new and aggressive operations against the Soviet Union you know during the war there had been a Russian army called the Vlasov army this was under a general who had defected to the Germans whose name was blood of lusts off which numbered as many as 100,000 troops at one time these are were all Russians who were fighting for the Germans against the Soviet Union and there were remnants of this glass off army that had survived the war one of the first things Galen did was to revitalize this loss of army ie the remnants of it for paramilitary operations against the Soviet Union these operations went on and on to the 50s and even into the 60s not the paramilitary but the propaganda and they were responsible for the survival of Nazism in Germany the main spiritual leaders of the current neo-nazi movement are people from that period former SS officers for example they attend the rallies they go to the reunions they attend for example there are two big dates in German in the German neo-nazi movement one is Hitler's birthday in April and one is the commemoration of Rudolf Hess it has his death in Spandau prison I would mention finally in in concluding that this is really a serious problem over there in Europe and I really don't know how long my wife and I are going to be able to continue to live there because even though we are white which is to our advantage in this thing and we are Americans and Americans have not been really targeted except you know for the luge team the the black American

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for the luge team the the black American member of the loose team which had been training in the eastern part of Germany and who was attacked at this disco one night but I think the chances are that we will have to sometime leave Germany and we talk about coming back here in any case not for political reasons but simply to come back here and live but it is a really serious development you all know that Gillian offski the neo-fascist or the neo-nazi and Russia his party Liberal Democratic Party won something almost a quarter of the vote something like 23% 24% in December and he has been developing very close ties with this other neo-nazi party in Germany the German people's Union which is headed by a multi-millionaire publisher's name is Gerhart Frei Chile no ski has forced as we all know Yeltsin to move to the right and to come out with this whole new nationalist line and policy in Russia the unfortunate thing about all this is that the developments with what is happening in Bosnia as well because as one human rights lawyer told me a few months ago in Washington the government of Korea right now is a neo-nazi government as is the Serbian government and Slovenia is not far behind its developing Slovakia as well this neo-nazi and neo fascist movement in Germany is really moving rather quickly and what it is based on is a return to this tribal warfare in Germany the extreme or ultra-nationalism of the past is already coming out again and you see it with this ethnic cleansing in Bosnia well what this means to all of us is that this defense budget is not going to go down it means that Clinton will be able to follow as Bush

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Clinton will be able to follow as Bush had planned for the next five years you know has been started or he did what was known as a bottom-up review of the defense needs of the United States government and the budget was almost the same as Bush Bush had calculated for the next five years 1.5 trillion I think and Clinton's figure is now 1.3 trillion and so as long as this is going on this national security state that we have had for all these years since World War two will continue and there will be no money available for the solution of the social calamities that we see around us every day that is the downside of what is developing in Europe because surely although they have been looking for ways in which to justify for example an increase in the intelligence community's budget which clinton went along with they now have all of these real developments in Europe of Western Europe and Eastern Europe to justify a continuation of this permanent war economy which means as I say that we will have no money available to solve the problems in education or public health or eliminate racism all those things that we know that are so deplorable in the United States today that was Philip Agee on the re-emergence of fascism in Europe and it's links to post-war US policy this special program from the alternative radio archives was recorded in Portland Oregon in March 1994 Philip Agee is a former Central Intelligence Agency officer since resigning from the CIA he has lectured and written widely about the agency's covert operations his landmark book

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